

TO GUIDE US IN THESE LATTER-DAYS!

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A Giving Machine in Gilbert, AZ.

Photo by Robin Finlinson

LIGHT THE WORLD

Giving Machines Vend Out Thousands of Dollars For Local Charities

By Robin Finlinson

This past Christmas season, Church leaders again invited us to “Light the World.” Events began with a worldwide day of service and ended with a special Sunday worship service. Each week in between featured a different theme with different ideas for how we could “Light the World” by following the Savior’s example of love and service.

The concept came about from a question asking “How would Jesus Christ celebrate His own birthday?” says Jeff Taylor, Executive Creative Director of Bonneville Communications (Boncom). “And we came up with this campaign called ‘Light the World,’ which is essentially

celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ by emulating His life.”

Later, while continuing to work under the direction of the Church’s Missionary Department to promote the campaign, the Boncom Creative Team secured an old vending machine, fitted it with cards and dressed it with Light the World banners. It looked nice, but public property owners were understandably skeptical about granting it space. Finding a downtown Salt Lake City holiday home took time. A week before Thanksgiving 2017, a Joseph Smith Memorial Building patron

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called and said, “We’ll take it!” It brought in approximately \$500,000, all of which went to charities.

In these special vending machines, instead of receiving the typical beverage or snack, patrons paid for items to be donated to local and global charities that work year-round directly with people in need. Forty-two vending choices were made available, ranging from \$2 fingerling fishes to a \$210 “school in a box.” Items were represented by pictures on cards arranged in the machines. When an item was purchased, the card representing the item dropped down and was then collected at the bottom the machine tray.

Leaders of a Catholic congregation in Manila, Philippines happened to be touring Salt Lake at the time the first machine was in place. They immediately recognized the machine’s potential and partnered with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in that relief effort. At Christmastime 2018, a set of Giving Machines stood by their Catholic church, which resides



A missionary assists a family at the Giving Machines in Gilbert.

Photo by Robin Finlinson

inside the world’s seventh largest mall, the SM Megamall in metro Manila’s Ortigas Center.

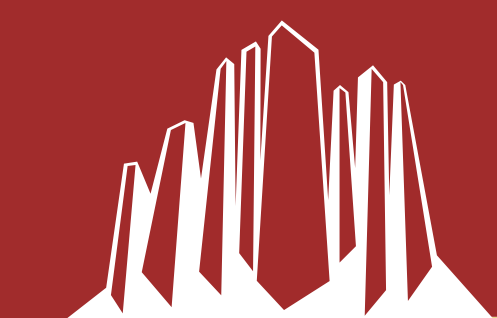
Last year, machines also went to London, England, by Hyde Park Chapel (owned by the Church), to New York City, by the Manhattan Temple, and to Gilbert, Arizona, in Water Tower

Plaza.

Sister Fran Lowder, the Gilbert City Outreach Specialist, was assigned to the local Light the World Giving Machine Committee. She describes the hundreds of participating missionaries from three Arizona missions—Mesa, Tempe, and Gilbert – and the

opportunity which was open to each capable missionary with the desire. Their faces lit with enthusiasm as they helped set up the machines, received training, then took turns welcoming and assisting donors during the 33-day public event. “They

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

When I joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1984, Spencer W. Kimball was our Prophet. By this time, President Kimball was basically incapacitated. So, to get to know him, I read his biography: *SPENCER W. KIMBALL - THE EARLY AND APOSTOLIC YEARS - Twelfth President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - 1980*, by Edward L. & Kimball, Andrew E. Jr. Kimball.

At the time, the thing that struck me most about his story was how humbled and shocked Elder Kimball was when he received his call to be President of the Church. Upon learning of the death of President Harold B. Lee and realizing his immediate fate, he hiked into the wilderness near his home in Thatcher, AZ, to pray and cry and contemplate the meaning of his call, in an almost "psalm of Nephi" kind of way.

My thought at the time was "Why was he so surprised? Wasn't he ready and prepared for this call, almost expecting it?" I've come to realize that no one in our Church wants or expects a call of any kind. However, we are all being prepared for our next assignment, and accept each call willingly as we exercise what Elder Bednar calls our "representative agency." As we do so, the mantel of our call rests upon us, giving us the power and authority to fulfill our assignment. This, of course, is what happened with President Kimball.

Fast forward to February 10, 2019, the day President Russell M. Nelson visited The Valley of the Sun to commune with the Arizona Saints. I initially learned of Dr. Nelson as the inspired surgeon who operated on Spencer W. Kimball and saved his life! I had shaken Elder Nelson's hand following a 1990's era Stake Conference visit. I have, like you, watched Elder Nelson speak to us during General Conference, and as he participated in a multitude of other Church meetings, events and gatherings. And like you, I watched as the mantel of the office enveloped this mortal man, as The Lord made Elder Nelson Prophet, and "President Nelson," who is currently guiding us in these latter days...

May the Lord continue to bless President Nelson. And may He also continue to bless us as we follow the Prophet.



Thank you, our faithful reader. It is to this end – that we are made aware of the blessings of our Church and our Gospel-oriented lifestyle through stories and offerings of our local community – that The Arizona Beehive is dedicated. We look forward to joyfully serving you with this, our latest edition.

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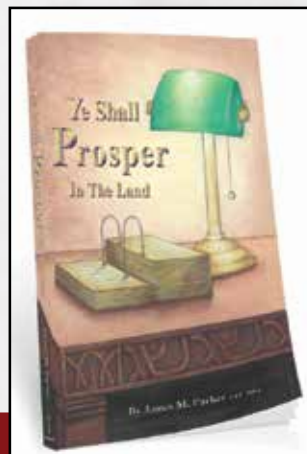
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Leaders of the four local nonprofits received very large checks from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints thanks to patrons of the Gilbert Giving Machines. Left to right: Dave Richins, Michael Hughes, Katy Pompay and Tom Kertis.

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will be forever changed,” she says. Missionaries manned the machines at every location.

Sister Reyna I. Aburto, Second Counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency, introduced the Gilbert machines to the town and to news media in November. Word spread through bloggers and social media platforms such as #LightTheWorld.

Many donors, especially young ones, were excited to help pay for families abroad to receive animals. For example, eager to buy a cow, two Gilbert girls raised the requisite \$150 with a bake sale.

Gilbert and neighboring cities

make up a particularly service-minded community. One missionary told of a nonmember Gilbert woman who was so impressed with the machines that she planned to bring friends to them every day that she could.

Gilbert’s machines stood against a shed—formerly the water pump house, then the town’s first jail—which had no electrical power. Generators were suggested, but the Church paid to wire the shed with electricity.

North American South West Area Seventy Elder C. Dale Willis, Jr. describes the Church’s other financial contributions: “Administrative costs (including credit card fees) for the campaign and costs associated with

its nonprofit partners were covered by The Church Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” He adds that “100% of donations will be used for the purchased item or similar items or service of greater need as determined by the applicable charitable organization.”

At a February Gilbert Town Council meeting, Elder Willis, Sister Lowder, and Director of Media in the Church’s Missionary Department Brother Greg Droubay, handed out

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Donations allowed the following to be given:

- 842,620 meals
- 19,640 chickens
- 15,776 medical & health supplies (including vaccinations)
- 10,817 clothing and household supplies

The total dollar amounts collected are as follows:

- Salt Lake City, Utah: \$1,279,927 (48,030 transactions)
- Gilbert, Arizona: \$862,120 (34,843 transactions)
- New York City, New York: \$131,842 (4,556 transactions)
- London, England: \$20,912 (1,434 transactions)
- Manila, Philippines: \$15,041 (3,327 transactions)
- Total: \$2,309,844 (92,190 transactions)**



Photo by Robin Finlinson

Elder C. Dale Willis, Jr. and Mayor Jenn Daniels tell the audience at a Gilbert Town Council meeting February 7th about the Giving Machines right before big checks are given from the Church to the four participating local nonprofits.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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Your time, love, and resources made this year's #LightTheWorld a huge success.

You raised more than \$850,000 in our local community,
with \$60,980 donated to A New Leaf's life-saving programs.

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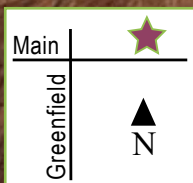


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President Nelson and Elder Oaks Commune with 65,000 Saints in Historic Arizona Devotional

By Merry Gordon

On February 10, Russel M. Nelson, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held a special devotional for a historically large Arizona audience at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale. Some 65,000+ attendees were treated to a local choir and addresses by President Dallin H. Oaks, First Counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and President Nelson. Both were accompanied by their wives, who also spoke.

At 94, President Nelson does not appear to be slowing down in his ministry, and if anything, has a reputation for fast change. Several new policies, and significant revisions to existing Church programs, have been announced under his tenure, including the replacement of home and visiting teaching with ministering and a more “home-centered curriculum,” as congregations move to a 2-hour Sunday block. President Nelson spoke at length about the blessings of Abraham, inviting the “Arizona Battalion” of youth to “gather Israel on both sides of the veil.”

President Oaks recapped many of the shifts in Church programs, saying, “Change is almost always exciting” as he reminded members that such changes “should help us, but by themselves they won’t get our members to where our Heavenly Father wants us to be.

Sister Oaks spoke about relying on the Lord during times of trial, and Sister Nelson gave some personal insights into being married to a “living prophet of God.”

West Valley resident Ebby Weiss,

of the Sun Valley Ward, Peoria Stake, was touched by Sister Nelson’s address: “Sister Nelson’s talk impacted me greatly because she shared something so personal and so rare. For her to share the way the prophet talks to her is very precious. The way she knows what he needs makes me want to support my husband’s priesthood better.”

The devotional also included a 150-member choir chosen from the East and West Valley.

“It was a tender and humbling experience,” says Tammy Staley, of the West Point Ward, Surprise Stake. “The power was overwhelming.”

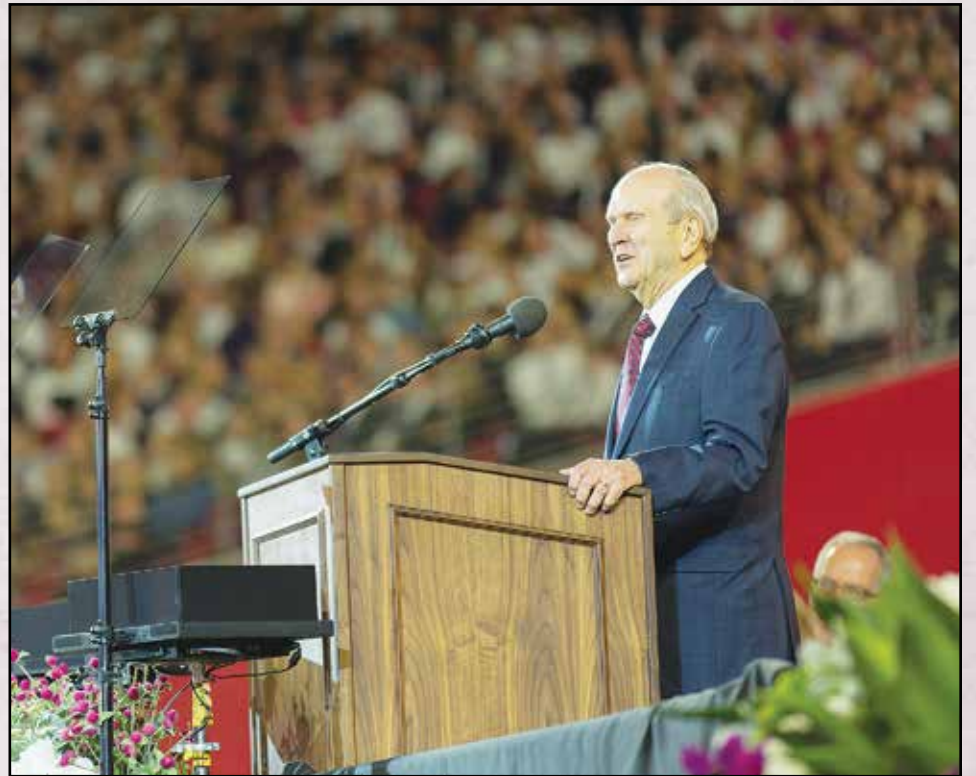
Choir member Ann Ashton, of the Dreaming Summit Ward, Goodyear Stake, agrees. A former member of the Mormon Youth Chorus and the Tabernacle Choir, she was impressed by the caliber of musicianship—and a little daunted by the acoustics in the stadium.

“What we heard was not how it really sounded. We felt like our voices weren’t together, and that the organ was a beat behind. As with any large musical group in a massive venue, we had to just watch our director, stay with her, and trust that it sounded right in the audience. I have great respect for the audio engineers who helped us!” she says.

Amy Willardson was one of a select group of YSA Relief Society and Elders Quorum presidents chosen to spend time with President Nelson that day.

“I loved how President Nelson is focusing on making our homes sanctu-

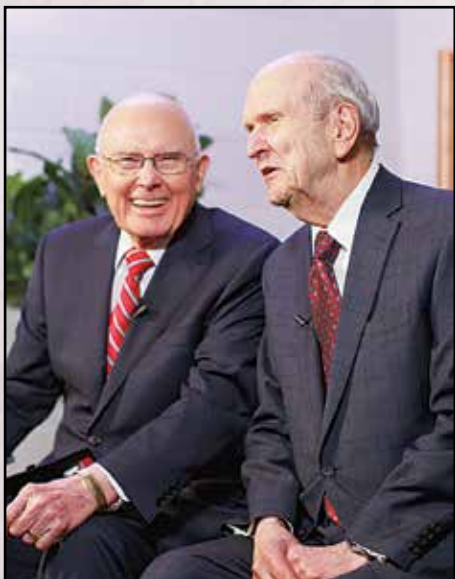
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President Nelson addresses Arizona Saints.



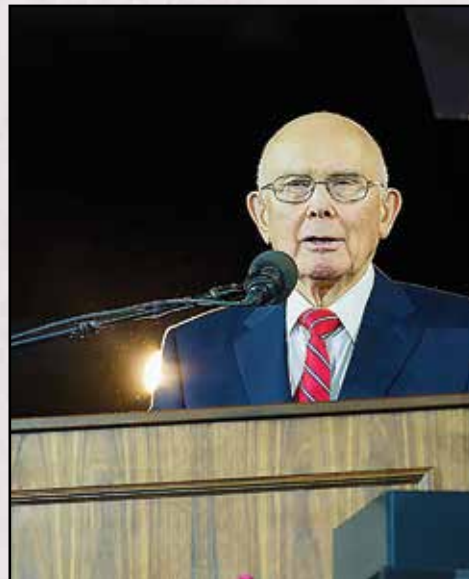
Arizona devotional audience in the State Farm Stadium in Phoenix.



President Nelson and Elder Oaks share a moment in Arizona.



Sister Oaks speaks at the devotional.



Elder Oaks addresses Arizona Saints.



Sister Nelson speaks at the devotional.

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Spring Has Sprung!

It's March, and warmer temperatures in the Valley are on their way! Before pools and popsicles become the norm, be sure to take advantage of cooler weather this spring by planning fun and inexpensive activities outside! Spring is a fantastic time to get on the many trails all around Arizona. Looking for a cultural event or place to take your family biking? Our beautiful state has plenty to offer.

LOCAL Family Fun! Five Great Activities for Under \$25 Per Person!

By Emily Jex Boyle

#1 Flatiron Trail

A prominent Valley feature, Superstition Mountains' Flatiron is a massive rock that looks like an upside-down clothes iron. During the cooler months of the year, hiking Flatiron is ideal. The trail offers spectacular views. Be advised: it is a strenuous hike and 6 miles roundtrip. It involves route finding and hand climbing.

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Superstition Mountains' Flatiron as it rises above the Valley seen at sunset from Utery Mountain Regional Park.

#2 Rio Salado Pathway

Urban trail systems connect cities such as Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale and more. Whether using them for recreation or commuting, take advantage of these trails in the cooler months. Recently, the trail system expanded along the Salt River from Dobson Road in Mesa to Mill Street in Tempe along Tempe Town Lake. Walk, run, ride bikes, or walk your dog between various parts of the Valley. The city has over 175 miles of paths and trails.

2100 W Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa
54 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe

Admission: Free

For more information: Visit trailink.com



Rio Salado Pathway

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Young bikers enjoying a bike ride on Hawes Trail with views of Red Mountain.

#3 Local Mountain Bike Trails

Utery Mountain area has over 29 miles of Sonoran Desert trails for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding. Trails range from 0.2 miles to over 7 miles and vary from easy to difficult. Hawes Loop is one example of a great trail to try in this area for enjoying sunrises or sunsets.

3939 Utery Pass Rd, Mesa

Admission: Varies. Parking is free at Canal/Hawes Trail Head Park & Ride

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Sloan Park, Mesa

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#4 Take Me Out To The Ball Game!

If you haven't watched a Spring Training game yet at one of the many Major League Spring Training facilities in the Valley, you should consider it this year. During the month of March, Arizona is home to 15 major league teams in the Cactus League. Sloan Park is home to the Chicago Cubs as they prepare for their regular season. Grab some popcorn or hot dogs and cheer for your team! For a current Cactus League schedule, visit <https://www.springtrainingconnection.com/schedule/cactus.html>

Visit <https://cactusleague.com/map.php>

Admission: Tickets vary, but prices are reasonable, especially on the lawn.

For more information:
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#5 Art Expositions

During March, there are fantastic indoor and outdoor art expositions. Check out the 15th annual Arizona Fine Arts Expo, running through March 24 in Scottsdale, the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market, held March 2-3, and the 33rd Annual American Indian Student Art Show & Sale on March 30-April 1.

Arizona Fine Art Expo:

26540 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

Admission: Arizona Fine Art Expo Season Pass \$10, Seniors & Military \$8, Children 12 and under FREE.

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Heard Museum:

2301 N Central Ave, Phoenix

Admission: Heard Museum Indian Fair & Market General Admission tickets \$20 for 17 years and older. Children 16 years and under free. Discounted tickets available.

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Artist Charles Huckeba and his wife, Jill, participate in the Arizona Fine Art Expo each year. The Huckebas own the Huckeba Art Gallery in downtown Prescott.

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2. iPhone Users: Select the temple icon at the bottom.
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4. Tap on the green *Ordinances Ready* button and a box labeled *Select Ordinance Type* appears. Choose the ordinance you want to complete, then an ancestor from the list that appears.
5. Print the card to take to the temple or write down the Family Ordinance Request (FOR) number for each ordinance to print after you arrive.

The Ordinances Ready app is designed to be used practically on-the-go. Going to the temple and need a name? Done. Take that name to the temple on your very next visit. (Some reservations might expire after 90 days.) If you need multiple names for a group, encourage others to download the app, because only a few ordinances will be generated at a time per person.

If the app happens to search your personal tree for an available ordi-

nance and comes up empty, it will find ordinance reservations from the temple inventory. This way, anyone using it will find a name.

The power of the new Ordinances Ready feature rests with each of us. The more we are involved in family history and add names to our collective family trees, the more information there will be for making ordinances for the dead available. Take advantage of record hints to complete your ancestors' personal details. Help with indexing, thus making records available for others to complete their family trees.

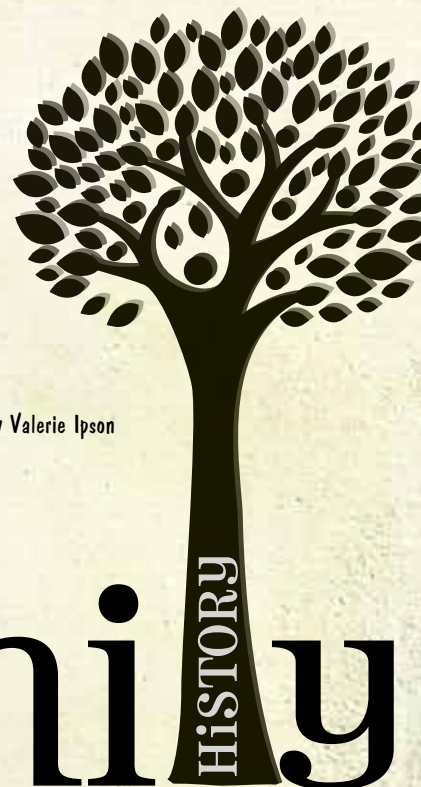
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ROOTSTECH 2019: This amazing event wrapped up on March 2. Check out <https://www.rootstech.org/> to catch up on all the fabulous classes and presentations!



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enormous checks to each of the four local charity partners. The amounts received were as follows:

- **Helen's Hope Chest: \$54,410**
- **A New Leaf: \$60,980**
- **United Food Bank: \$67,196.50**
- **St. Mary's Food Bank: \$67,196.50**

Tom Kertis, CEO of St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, says, "We are grateful to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because of the timing of this gift. It came after the first of the year, when our donations are down and we need to refill our shelves. It will allow us to provide nearly a half million meals."

"If you donated a holiday turkey, a box of produce, or even a box of mac & cheese, you were helping a hungry family in Arizona," says Dave Richins, CEO of United Food Bank.

Though Helen's Hope Chest is a small nonprofit, it blesses thousands of Arizona's foster children and foster parents, who pay nothing for the children to "shop" for items in its beautiful little store. "The LDS community has always been really supportive," says manager Katy Pompay.

A New Leaf assists individuals and families in crisis. They served 32,424 residents in metro Phoenix last year. CEO Michael Hughes says to the community, "We are thankful beyond words for your expressions of generosity. On behalf of A New Leaf and our clients, thank you for lighting the world this past holiday season!"

Mayor Jenn Daniels feels fortunate to have hosted the machines: "What a tremendous opportunity for our residents, businesses and neighbors to give to wonderful groups serving our entire region!"

The top-selling item was water. Donors paid for it through separate Giving Machines that collected a total of \$101,929 to give fresh water to undernourished people abroad.

Thanks to incredible collaboration, trust in those special vending machines paid off.

The 2019 locations are yet to be determined, but the Church looks forward to the expansion of this initiative. Meanwhile, find current needs of charitable agencies at justserve.org.

Throwing Heavy Things

CHURCH MEMBER MOM MAKES HER MARK IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

By Cecily Markland Condie

Typical of many other Latter-day Saint women, Michelle Galloway Lowe, of Pleasant 1st Ward, Chandler Arizona West Stake, bakes bread and loves quilting.

But from there, she has broken the mold somewhat, and, unlike the stereotypical Relief Society sister, Michelle competes nationally and internationally in the Scottish Highland Games.

In fact, at 54 years old, she has captured a slew of wins, including finishing second in the world, winning medals in all the events—two gold, five silver and one bronze, to win silver overall—at the 2018 Highland Games World Championships held in Stuttgart, Germany, last September.

Events include throwing "heavy things," Michelle says, including the caber toss, which entails throwing "a log bigger than a telephone pole"; stone putting, like shot put, but with a heavy rock; the hammer throw, and weight throws for distance and height.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Galloway Lowe
Michelle Galloway Lowe sports the medals she won recently, finishing second overall at the 2018 Highland Games World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany.

The Games, which began 2,000 years ago, continue to be held in many parts of Europe and the United States to celebrate Scottish and Celtic culture.

"Three years ago, while living in Boise, we attended the Treasure Valley Highland Games," she says.

A shot putter in high school, Michelle thrilled to watch athletes, dressed in kilts, participating in traditional Scottish Highland throwing events.

"Then the bagpipes came on the field, and I just stood there with tears in my eyes," she says.

She followed her heart and family roots, and, after getting back into shape, started competing.

"And I started winning," Michelle says.

"I thought, 'This is cool,'" she says, so she kept training, and improved, winning more and more. This year, Michelle has added Olympic weight lifting to her repertoire and will participate in those competitions as well.

"I have always been strong. This is just what my body shape was meant to do," she says.

Her family—especially her husband, Jordan—has been very supportive, Michelle says. In March, when she competes in the National Weightlifting Championships in Salt Lake City, Michelle will have several members of her extended family there as well.

She says her ward Relief Society sisters "are so cute. They let me brag and are super excited for me."

Michelle has the support of other Scottish Highland athletes as well. Because it is an individual sport, "it comes down to my personal best against someone else's personal best. What I do isn't dependent on what anyone else does or doesn't do." This makes for a great deal of camaraderie and family feeling among the athletes and has afforded Michelle some opportunities to let others



Photo courtesy of Michelle Galloway Lowe

Competing in Scottish Highland Games gives Michelle Galloway Lowe a chance to combine her interest in her Scottish ancestry with her love for "throwing heavy things," as she does in the caber toss, shown above.

see the Church in a different way.

"I do represent the LDS community in their eyes, and I think they have been able to see that there is more to us than just the stereotypical, 'Molly Mormon,'" Michelle says.

"I'm really happy about my progress. I feel stronger and healthier than I ever have before," she continues. "I'm 54, living the dream and doing it after I've been married 18-20 years and have four kids. It's like a second chance to do something, and I really like it."

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aries and how the home-based study is encouraging us to be more responsible for our own spiritual growth," Willardson said. "When he talked about how we are the 'Arizona Battalion,' I got goosebumps! We are here on the earth for a purpose and we have the opportunity to be an instrument in God's hands if we allow Him into our lives!"

Listeners walked away moved. "I feel inspired to be more kind, more loving, and more willing to give," says Erin Alkema, of the Sun Valley Ward, Peoria Stake. "I think we could all use a little more of that."



A group of Latter-day Saint youth in Arizona had the opportunity to meet with President Russell M. Nelson and his first counselor, President Dallin H. Oaks, prior to a devotional held in State Farm Stadium in Phoenix, February 10, 2019.

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MATCHES

How DNA Can Help You Find Your Family

By Alyson Johnson

Advances in DNA science and testing have exploded recently, with DNA being utilized for previously unthought-of situations—catching criminals, identifying remains, finding biological family for adoptees, or furthering genealogical research. Despite these varying uses, the process of finding “matches” is the same for all of them.

I started learning how to use DNA while trying to find my birth family. I have known I am adopted for as long as I can remember.

In February 2017, I went to RootsTech in Salt Lake City with a friend who raved about DNA testing. I bought a kit since they were on sale, spit in a tube, and sent it off. I was more interested in learning about my ethnicity than finding birth family, at first. However, when I got a list of people who shared DNA with me I got very interested in figuring out the puzzle of my biological family.

I spent time learning how to use DNA to find people, and figured out who my birth parents were in July 2017. They lived 6.5 miles from the house I grew up in. It took time to process the information emotionally, so it was several weeks later that I sent them a letter (they married after I was born.) Six

weeks went by with no response. I was going to visit my mom who raised me, so I mailed

them a postcard, letting them know I would be in town if they wanted to meet me. Ten days later my birth mother called and said she’d love to meet me.

Naturally, it was a very emotional reunion. My birth mother gave me medical information for both sides of my family, and I discovered I had a full-blooded brother 13 years younger than me. He did not know about me, and it took some time for them to tell him, but I got to meet my birth father and brother on my 53rd birthday.

I have now found

my new mission in life—I am a

volunteer search angel and help other adoptees find their birth families. I also teach free DNA classes in the community.

When looking for “lost family”—whether search for people separated from family at birth or extending your family tree back further in time—here are some tips to help you in your research:

1 – Ethnicity estimates are just estimates! Segments of your DNA are compared by computers to

samples of DNA from reference populations around the world and an estimate is made based on which populations those segments most closely match. As technology improves, your estimate will change.

2 – Shared DNA is not an estimate! The unit of measurement for DNA is centiMorgan (cM). The more cMs you share with someone, the closer your relationship to them. Do not rely on the testing company’s estimate of your relationship to a match. Use [DNAainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4](https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4) to determine possible relationships based on the cMs you share.

3 – Use the information in your matches’ trees to get clues for your own tree. ALWAYS verify information in other people’s trees.

Adoptees will need to reverse engineer a tree from a close match, meaning they need to identify the common direct-line ancestors of several of their matches, then build their trees forward by finding all the descendants of that couple. Having non-identifying birth background information will help adoptees to know when they have found the “right” people.

Those doing genealogy will look at the trees of more distant cousins for information that can give them clues to investigate to extend their family lines.

DNA testing has become a remarkable, accessible, and reasonably priced tool for those trying to find and identify relatives.



Alyson Johnson on right, with her brother (Chuck) on the left, birth mom, Donna, in back, and birth father, Ron, in front.



Alyson Johnson in between her mom who raised her, Karin, on the left, and her my birth mom, Donna, on the right.

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Missionary Reconnaissance

Know Your Mission Area Before You Go with the "Lifey" App

What will your mission be like? Is there something you should know about the culture of the place you'll be serving? Is the food scary or delicious? How will you know if it's normal for people to shake hands or kiss on the cheek in greeting? Wouldn't it be nice if you

could ask someone who served there recently what your mission will be like and how to avoid common pitfalls?

You can find many of these answers from RMs who are sharing their stories, tips, and advice on Lifey. Lifey's are short videos that are shared on the new Lifey platform to allow you and other preparing missionaries a database of videos, searchable by topic, mission, person, and other essential criteria. You can visit Lifey and watch user-generated content on any device. Upload the app on your phone or access it online anywhere.

While many of these videos are accessible through YouTube, only on the Lifey site or app can you search based on your specific concerns, or access additional mission-specific resources available on their extensive list of missions active today, including websites and blogs by RMs who served in your mission, mission contact information, as well as maps and other helpful information, to help you prepare to meet those you will serve.

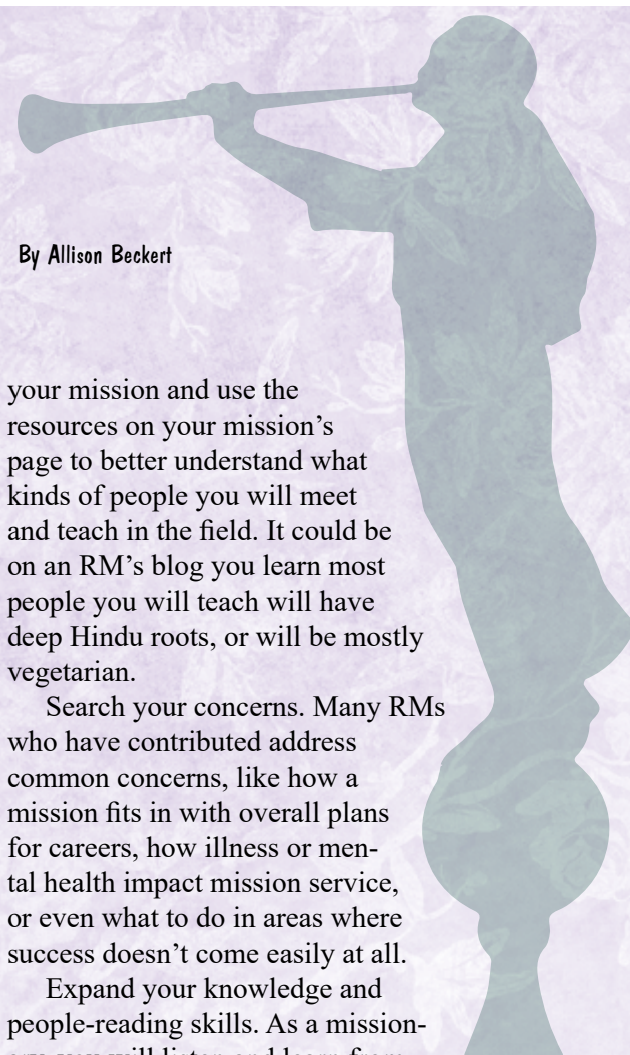
There are several ways you can use Lifey to be better prepared before reporting to the MTC. Search

your mission and use the resources on your mission's page to better understand what kinds of people you will meet and teach in the field. It could be on an RM's blog you learn most people you will teach will have deep Hindu roots, or will be mostly vegetarian.

Search your concerns. Many RMs who have contributed address common concerns, like how a mission fits in with overall plans for careers, how illness or mental health impact mission service, or even what to do in areas where success doesn't come easily at all.

Expand your knowledge and people-reading skills. As a missionary, you will listen and learn from people of all kinds and backgrounds. It isn't just RMs sharing videos on Lifey, though they do form the foundation of the platform's current database. Review available videos shared by people who are very different from you.

Don't forget to rate, review, and contribute so Lifey can become an even better source for other preparing missionaries.



By Allison Beckert



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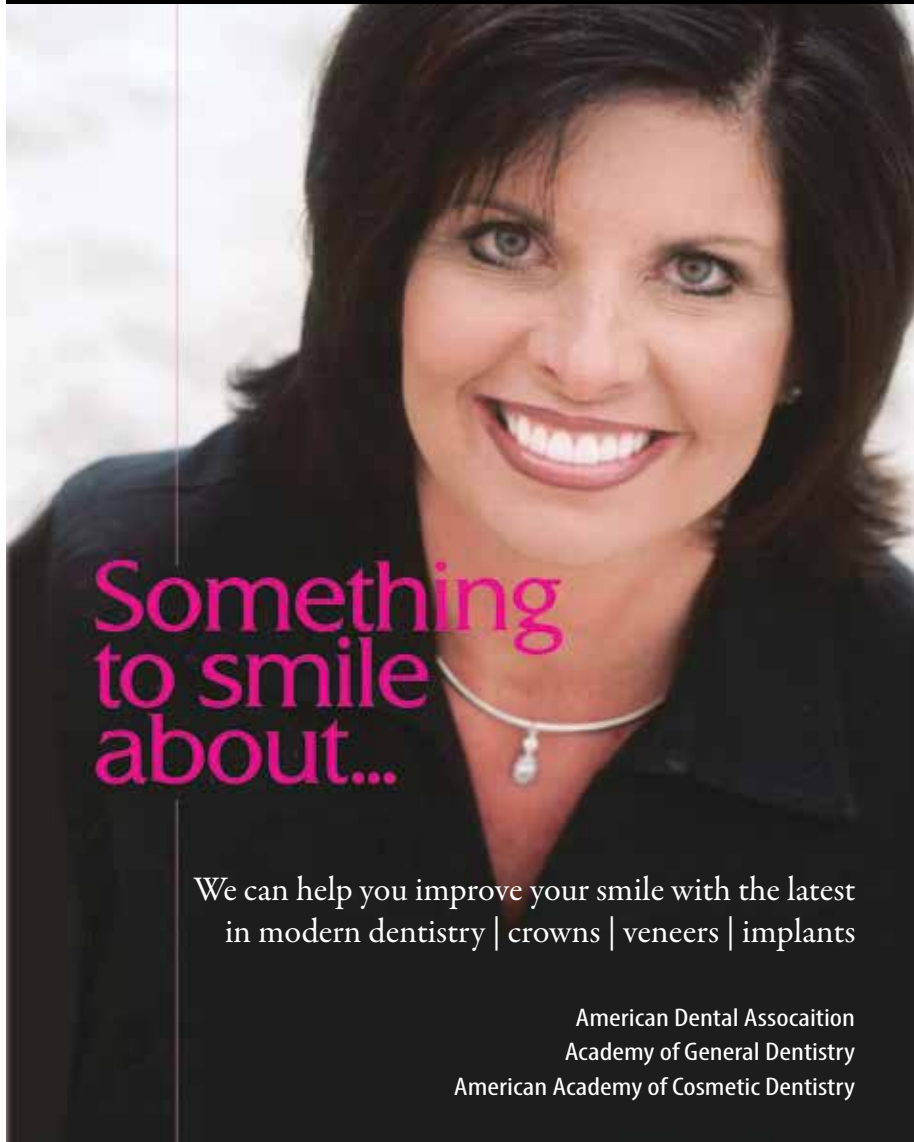
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YOUNG MEN WITH COURAGE SHARE THEIR MESSAGE WITH UNIQUE HEADWEAR

In a society that often mistakes compassion for weakness and tells kids to “toughen up,” Random Hats of Kindness is a bright star in the hardened firmament. Founded two years ago by brothers Jayce, now 13, and Lincoln, now 11, Random Hats of Kindness is a business with a message. Their high-quality hats present positive and inspiring messages to the world, from “stay true” to “be humble” and “dream big.”

The Random Hats message wasn’t always what it is today. Before starting the company, the brother pair proposed the idea of starting a hat company during a family meeting. Not only did their parents support the idea, the boys’ stepfather pushed it further, asking the boys what kind of hats they would sell and what their goal would be in starting this business.

Inspired by the family habit of performing random acts of kindness, Jayce (who was 11 years old at the time) proposed that they make hats

with a purpose. Thus, Random Hats of Kindness was born.

When asked, “Why hats?” there really isn’t an answer. “We love hats,” says Jayce with an easygoing shrug.

Since starting the business, younger brother Lincoln has moved his energies to other ventures, but Jayce, his mother and stepfather run the business as a team. In addition to the family’s efforts, several of the hats have been influenced by collaborators. Anthony Rizzo, first baseman for the Chicago Cubs, has collaborated on a collection of hats that all feature the “dream big” slogan.

While 10% of all Random



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“Be You” hat, one of the many inspiring caps available on their website.

Hats profits go to nobully.org, an anti-bullying charity, an additional 10% of the Anthony Rizzo hat sales goes to Rizzo’s foundation, which supports researching and fighting pediatric cancer.

By Hillary Jade Fevrier

Though Jayce thinks Random Hats could become a lifelong career, the origins of the company were humble. It was at a flea market in Phoenix that the business first began to build steam. The Junk in the Trunk market was offering free booths to child entrepreneurs, so the team decided to take advantage of the opportunity. A reporter noticed the boys’ booth and was inspired by Random Hats’ mission and message. That inspiration turned into a radio interview, which turned into a television appearance. The news went national, and online sales traffic skyrocketed. While most of Random Hats’ business happens online and in the local markets, a boutique in Gilbert called Preach Supply has recently begun selling the team’s merchandise.

Between multiple sports teams, school, and a social life, Jayce manages to find time to include a handwritten note with every order. Those personal touches, combined with all these good vibes, keep the customers loyal.

Random Hats of Kindness is a business with a purpose, and it’s a purpose



Photo by rhofk.com

Jayce McGuirk, 13, Founder, CEO, President of Random Hats of Kindness.

anyone can support. As Christ himself “went about doing good,” the creators and staff of Random Hats are continuing His vision. Even in a culture that encourages callousness, the bravery of two young brothers to be different has proven that something as simple as a hat could “invite and entice” us to do good.

For more information, visit the Random Hats website: www.rhofk.com

Check out Random Hats of Kindness on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RandomHatsofKindness/>

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Our family has purchased vehicles from Mike for over 15 years now. My parents have bought two, my husband and I bought our van from him. We always get a very fair price when buying from him. We know we saved several thousand dollars on the van we got. —*Lindsay Owens, Maracopa, AZ*

We bought a Ford Focus from Mike a while ago and feel that we were treated very fairly. It was a very good value for what we got and we were treated with respect and honorably. I feel comfortable endorsing Mike. —*James Ellis, Surprise*

I had shopped around the Phoenix area for weeks and weeks without finding what I felt was a good price for a smart car. When I talked to Mike and he told me the prices he'd seen them going for at the dealer only auto auction I was VERY happy. We asked him to buy one for us. He did the very next week. We picked it up, and there were no surprises. It was exactly what he had represented it to be. We are happy and it was a joy dealing with Mike. —*Daniel Amberg, Chandler*

I needed a good midsize car that would be dependable but not break the bank with the price. I got a Toyota Camry from Mike at what was thousands less than I could have found anywhere I'd looked locally. It has been a very good car. The deal went off without a hitch and I could not be happier. —*Lyman Soloman, Taylor*

We are retired and wanted to get a quality mid sized SUV. Mike got us a very nice Lexus RX350 with reasonable miles on it for thousands less than we could have found it for ourselves. It is beautiful, and we love our car. We also love dealing with someone who does what he says he'll do and delivers what he says he'll deliver. We'll be back Mike. —*John Blood, Scottsdale*

I was told by a friend to look into buying our next vehicle from Mike. We did, and I'm so glad we did!!! We had a pleasant experience buying a vehicle from him. He told us what we could expect, and then over delivered. We could not be happier. —*Taylor & Karen Cozzens, San Tan Valley*

I don't really endorse people like this in general, but I will make an exception for Mike because he really does do what he says he'll do. Our family have purchased two vehicles from him. My sister has bought one, and my parents have bought one. Each of these transactions have been a pleasant experience. No hype, no promises broken, no pressure. Just accurate and honest descriptions of the vehicle. If you want to save thousands of dollars on your next purchase, call Mike. (We'll be back for our third when the time comes.) —*Kristen & Nathan Lindorf, Peoria*

This is our second car that we've got from Mike. Both times we have had very positive experiences. It's nice to know that when we drove our vehicle for the first time we were not upside down financially. The staff is very professional, and kind. They are easy to deal with and we felt that they had our best interest in mind both times. We would not have come back a second time if we did not have a good experience the first time!!! —*Doug Anderso, Queen Creek*

We had a very positive experience buying our car this way. It is a little unnerving buying a vehicle that we have not test drove. But, we saw plenty of pictures of it and the miles were reasonable, so we went ahead. The car is everything that they said it was, and we know we saved a few thousand dollars buying it this way. Good car, good transaction. Good job Mike. —*Dennis Pyper, Mesa*

Buying a car sight unseen may not be for everyone, and it was a little different I'll admit. But, it was accurately described, and we were not disappointed. We'd do it again and in fact plan to. —*Howard Sorenson, Yuma*

We have bought two vehicles from Mike already, and know literally a dozen other people who have also bought from him and were happy. He really does deliver what he promises. That's refreshing in the automobile business these days. Save a LOT of money, have a positive experience, and get a great car all at the same time. It really does work. —*Keith & Lora Loomis, Maracopa*

Our first car we bought from Mike was almost twenty years ago. I have known several others who have also bought from him this way and were very happy. —*Eric Remer*

We are driving our third vehicle that Mike got for us. It too is a VERY good one and has served us well. We have been talking to him about getting another one as our current one has over 100,000 miles on it and we're about at the point where we can afford a little nicer model now. We are totally confident that the forth one we get through Mike will be another positive experience too. Thanks so much for making the car buying experience a nice experience Mike. —*Steve & Lacey Houston, Scottsdale*



Mike and Nancy with all their grandkids!

YOUR PROBLEM SOLVER

Mike Hallewell doesn't consider himself the middle man for car buyers, but more like the problem solver.

Unsatisfied with the used car buying experience over 20 years ago, Hallewell developed a business to avoid "marked up dealership" prices, and "no-guarantee" classified ads when looking for a car for not only himself, but for thousands of others!

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Hallewell gets the same cars at the auction, but instead of up charging his customers thousands and thousands of dollars, he charges a flat fee of \$1,028.25. (Some luxury vehicles will include a higher fee.)

The process has worked so well that the CEO's of all three former LDS credit unions in the Las Vegas valley, Cumorah Credit Union, Ensign Credit Union and Kolob Credit Union all publicly endorsed Hallewell's business. They each had done business with Mike personally, as had hundreds of their credit union members.

"I've found that many potential customers are afraid of buying a car from an auction," Hallewell said. "They think it means the car is trouble, and automatically has problems if it is sold at an auction. What they don't realize is that the auction sells between 2,000 and 3,000 vehicles every week, and is the exact same place all the previously owned car dealers go to and buy their cars to put on their lots, then mark them up thousands of dollars."

Potential customers contact Hallewell and tell him what make, model, price range and features they are looking for. Mike informs customers of which cars in that week's auction meet their requirements. From the auction he calls to report on the condition of each car, sending as many pictures to the potential customer as they want. He then tells them what that like, kind and quality of vehicle has sold for over the past 30 days. Together Mike and the customer will formulate what a realistic price is they can expect to pay for the vehicle that week.

With over 20 years of experience and THOUSANDS of cars already purchased, Hallewell knows what a good deal is for his customers.

What makes the deal safer than anything found on Craig's List or in the classified is that he sells many of the vehicles with a FULL FACTORY WARRANTY at no additional cost to the customer. In addition, an extended warranty is offered if desired.

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F♥H♥E Corner

By Robin Finlinson

A NEW EASTER SONG

As Easter approaches, I hope your family will enjoy this song that I've written. Please notice that the first verse is in past tense; the second is in the present. The Atonement of Jesus Christ had to take place at some point in time. And it did. He completed each aspect of it. The miraculous effects of that event, though, are everlasting. It is still because of Jesus that every small or grand tragedy may turn to final victory and joy. The ending note of the harmony shifts with a Picardy third to a happy concluding chord as well.

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The Noblest Spirits

By Merry Gordon

Special Needs and Special Blessings for the Life Shaped by the Most Overlooked

“Raising a child with special needs . . . is like preparing for a fun dream vacation to La Jolla, California,” begins writer, mother, grandmother and caregiver Diane Bailey Nutz—except that instead of arriving in La Jolla as planned, you get rerouted. The view, hotel and beach are all not what you expected, perhaps, but Nutz affirms that the ocean is still deep and beautiful.

Her book, *Look IN Me: A Life Shaped by the Most Overlooked*, takes parents and caregivers of those with special needs on a journey through uplifting stories about the children whose lives have impacted hers.

Nutz began working with special education students as a recently-divorced substitute teacher. When she remarried and found herself the mother of a large blended family, she knew that working from home would be a better option for her and her then six—and eventually eight—children.

While her new job brought financial prosperity to her home, more importantly, Nutz realized that her children “would learn compassion and acceptance for ‘unique’ individuals,” she says. “These special guests in our home became part of our family.”



Photo courtesy of Diane Bailey Nutz
Diane Bailey Nutz: writer, mother, grandmother, caregiver and champion of those with special needs.

we have ALL been given special gifts.”

Coming to see these gifts hasn’t always been easy for Nutz. Juggling a large family and the needs of the special families with whom she works has been a challenge, but one with real blessings.

Later, Nutz worked as a caregiver in the homes of special needs patients. She found the overlap between her spiritual life and that of the families she served to be important.

“I would choose to miss my own church meetings once in a while to allow the parents of unique individuals to attend their own ward for special occasions, such as baby blessings and giving lessons. They needed opportunity to replenish their spiritual strength,” she says.

Nutz’s book is a series of vignettes that bring to life the special people with whom she has shared her time. The pages are filled with stories that convey her warmth, humor and inspiration.

“I’ve witnessed miracles of healing and know that disabilities do not define an individual,” Nutz says. “As children of God,



Photo courtesy of Diane Bailey Nutz

Author Diane Bailey Nutz at a book signing for her book *Look IN Me: A Life Shaped by the Most Overlooked*.

“My husband and I, as well as our children, have felt we’ve been in the presence of the noblest spirits while caring for unique people,” she says.

In the future, Nutz hopes to continue her service of special needs clients and further her writing by publishing a second book, this time a series of interviews aimed at new parents of children with Down syndrome.

A licensed Zumba instructor, Nutz feels the need to keep healthy and ac-

tive as she continues to champion the cause of the disabled and celebrate her family, including sixteen grandchildren and her first great-grandchild.

Both respite work and Zumba will be put on hold for a while beginning this spring, when Nutz and her husband, Dan, serve a mission in Lubbock, Texas.

Nutz’s book, *Look IN Me*, is available at Latter-day Cottage in Mesa, as well as online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Kobo.

ARIZONA AUTHOR TWISTS TIME

By Cindy R. Williams

“Time is running out. She’s running scared. He’ll run into danger to save her,” sums up the essence of *Time Twist*, by Arizona author Jeanie R. Davis.

Davis takes readers on a romantic adventure with mystery and danger that takes place back and forth between nineteenth century England and present-day Colorado. It is a sweet—a writer’s term for clean—romance.

“Throw in some romance, paranormal activity, and time travel and you end up with something quite unique. I mean, have you ever heard of a humdrum relationship between a gallant, British gentleman (from two hundred years

ago) and a spunky interior decorator from modern America? I think not,” says Davis.

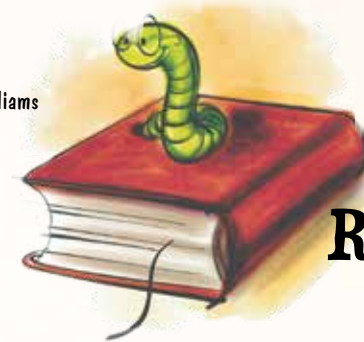
Speaking of the two main characters in *Time Twist*, the author says, “I was joking around with my daughters about writing a book that included everything I know (a very short list). I studied interior decorating, so that gave me Arianna’s occupation, and I love Regency Era romance novels, which gave me Christopher. Admittedly, I know very little about time travel. Readers will just have to take my word on its authenticity.”

The book is filled with twists and turns that draw the reader in, such as this passage: “Christopher was certain his

father had been using his device to travel back in time, committing more crimes to increase his fortune. Criminals such as his father were never satisfied—the desire for money never fulfilled, the thirst for power never quenched and the urge to spill blood never quelled.”

The romance between Arianna and Christopher is palpable: “He moved closer and ran feather-light fingers up her neck. “Arianna,” he gently lifted her face and gazed into her eyes. Tingles ran up and down her spine, warming her all over. His velvety-smooth voice gave her goosebumps.

She didn’t respond, just looked into his intense, blue eyes.

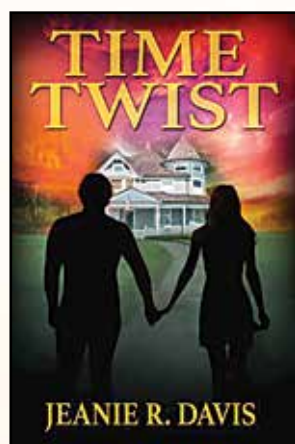


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“Arianna,” he said again, in a near whisper. “You are so beautiful. How did I get so lucky to spend the evening with the prettiest girl in Colorado?” His gaze dropped to her lips.

Time Twist is the first book in the Somerset Series. The second book, *Time Trap*, will be available later this year.

You can buy the book on Amazon and at The Wild Rose Press online store.



Time Twist is an exciting, romantic and fun take on time travel.



Photo by Natalie Durfee
Arizona Author Jeanie R. Davis.

A MOVIE-ING EXPERIENCE!

Advantage Auto Glass Replacement & Tinting Specializes In Customer Satisfaction

By Katherine Ogden

Advantage Auto Glass was started back 1999 by local business and family man, Jeremy Solheim. He began with a mobile glass service. As the business continued to grow, the company eventually found their current location. He has since expanded his business to another location in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where he served his mission.

While you can choose to have the convenient mobile service come to your door, a visit to Advantage Auto Glass's "brick and mortar" location is a singularly unique experience. "We want people to

be happy with their entire experience, as well as with the service provided," says DeAnne Crandall, Advantage Auto Glass's marketing director.

They boast an in-shop movie theater, complete with leather recliners and a seventeen-foot-tall screen. The theater is stocked with snacks like ice cream, popcorn, candy and assorted drinks. While a window replacement service takes about thirty to forty minutes to complete, many people will bring their kids and watch an entire movie. Advantage Auto Glass is very family friendly.

They are also one of the few auto glass companies

in the Valley that offer free chip repair. "Customer satisfaction is our number one priority. Jeremy wants every customer to be happy with their service. He is confident that if he makes a friend, then they will want to come back here again when they need a replacement," says DeAnne. "We have customers that come back from as far away as Phoenix, Snowflake and Peoria."

Known as a zero deductible state, Arizona requires insurance companies to allow those with

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Photo courtesy of DeAnne Crandall

Advantage Auto Glass location on North Rosemont



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In-house movie theater with 17-foot screen!



Photo courtesy of DeAnne Crandall

Owner Jeremy Solheim working on windshield

COOKING with the BEEHIVE

Tartine Morning Buns - Like Eating Sunshine!

My husband and I took a trip to San Francisco recently. One of our reasons for going was to try as many bakeries that we could, since San Francisco is known for its many patisseries and bakeries. Our first stop was Tartine, a famous bakery with a collection of cookbooks I have baked out of many times. There we stumbled on a magical creation, the Morning Bun, a croissant rolled up with cinnamon roll filling. It was like eating sunshine. Once I got home, I made it my mission to recreate the deliciousness.



Tartine Morning Buns *Makes 12 Buns*

By Rachael Fuller

Ingredients

- 2 pounds croissant dough*
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- finely grated zest of 2 medium oranges
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- pinch salt
- 4 ounces butter, melted
- extra white sugar for coating muffin cups and for rolling finished buns

**Crescent roll dough is not recommended for this recipe; you need real croissant dough. There are many places online you can find a solid recipe.*

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A Tartine Morning Bun

Directions

1. Combine brown sugar, ½ cup sugar, orange zest, cinnamon and salt in bowl.
2. Prepare a muffin tin by brushing bottom and sides of each cup with melted butter. Put a teaspoon of sugar in each muffin cup and swirl around to evenly coat.
3. Roll out croissant dough into a 1/4-inch thick, 6-inch-by-18-inch rectangle, with the long side in front of you. Brush dough with melted butter, and sprinkle sugar mixture evenly over the whole rectangle. You may have some of the mixture left over.
4. Starting with the long side of the dough, roll rectangle into a cylinder. Cut cylinder into 1 1/2-inch discs. Fit each disc into the buttered and sugared muffin tins so that the swirl pattern is visible on top.
5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Let rolls rise in a warm (but not hot) place for about 45 minutes. They should rise approximately to 1 1/2 times their original size. Place the muffin tin on a cookie sheet covered with parchment or foil to catch any drips while baking.
6. Bake for about 35 minutes to an hour, depending on your oven. When done, the tops should be well browned, and the sugar melted. Remove pan from oven and immediately turn buns out onto a clean baking sheet or work surface. Place pan in sink and cover with hot water (it will be easier to clean later).
7. Let buns set for 5 to 10 minutes, then toss in a bowl with some sugar to coat. These buns are best eaten the day they are made. If eating the next day, heat in a 350-degree oven for 5 minutes before serving.



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Creating A HEALTHY BALANCE In Your Life

By Heather Kidder

I believe building a faith-filled home can help us build a healthy environment for our spiritual, mental, and physical health. The new *Come Follow Me* program provides wonderfully structured opportunities for individuals and families to reflect on the teachings in the New Testament (this year) and build personal connections that can fill each day with peaceful meditation and reflection on the blessings gained from having a Savior.

A large part of mental health is gaining an understanding of our individual circumstances and then creating a harmonious balance with the things we need to accomplish. Both chaos in juggling too much or vegetating with too little can be equally damaging to mental health. In an effort to create a healthy balance in your life, this article will focus on a few supplements that can be worked into any day.

The following are a few tried and true practices for bringing peace into our ever-changing circumstances: yoga, meditation, and journaling. The latter two are natural to pair with our efforts to build faith-centered homes where the Spirit acts as the healing

force. Give one a try this month!

Yoga: If your day has a rough start, try yoga! Beginning, ending, or pausing your day with a yoga exercise brings clarity and awareness that are often lost in the never-ending to-do lists. There are various ways to incorporate yoga into the daily routine, and it is even possible to involve children! Modeling this practice can also show your kids one possible outlet for the stresses that will come their way in life. The internet

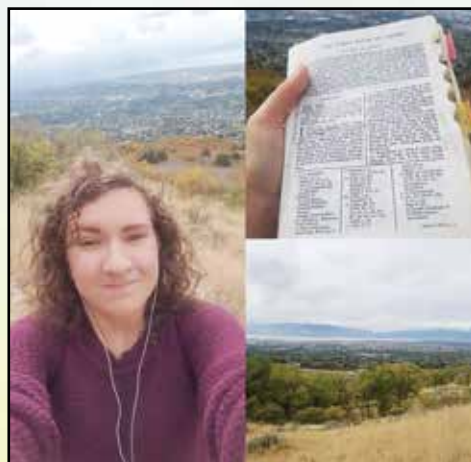


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Pondering and meditation can be great outdoor activities.

is full of videos, programs, and short routines for people with differing levels of expertise. Jump online and give family yoga a try!

Meditation: Yoga and meditation are often practiced together, but depending on your circumstances, they can also be separate activities. The prophets have repeatedly counseled to spend time pondering scriptures and modern revelation. The practice of meditation invites the Spirit to redirect your day and allows you to feel balance as you choose the activities and thoughts that will fill each day. Meditation can become a part of your prayer time, scripture study, or just a pause in your day. You can find many apps for your devices to guide your meditation. The mindfulness that results from meditation is a huge game changer to a harmonious life.

Journaling: The *Come Follow Me* manuals provide questions and lines for responses to questions based on scripture. If journaling seems unnatural for you, that is a great way to start recording your thoughts and impressions. Journaling can serve many purposes from organizing a cluttered mind,

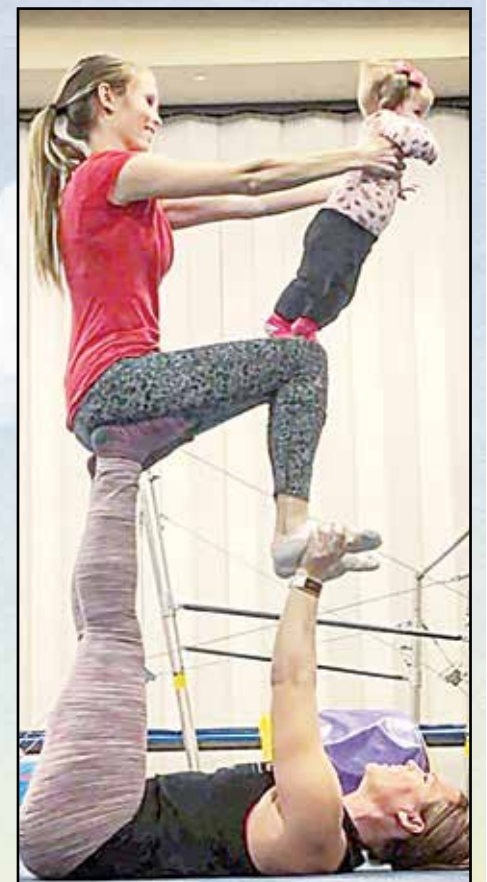


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Involve your kids.

tracking blessings, recording spiritual impressions, or logging emotions. All of these are beneficial to mental and spiritual health. Along with yoga and meditation, journaling can help calm a troubled mind, ease anxious feelings, and help you create a calm and controlled internal environment.

Benvenuto!

THE ROME ITALY TEMPLE SQUARE IS READY TO WELCOME THE WORLD

By Emily Jex Boyle

Nearly nine years after construction began in 2010, the Rome Italy Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open for ordinances March 19. A mosaic of masterpieces with Italian themes such as the olive tree, Michelangelo's Campidoglio, and the acanthus leaf, the Rome Italy temple will become the 162nd operating temple.

Chief architect of the temple design, Niels Valentiner, explains, "This had to be one that when you walked onto this site, every person should feel like they were on an Italian site. They would recognize it because of the materials, because of the design, and because of the surrounding." As the Phoenix Temple includes unique interior oval designs, the temple in Rome features the ellipse in its architecture and more.

Four Arizona families, including Mesa's Ryan and Jen Johnson and their children, lived abroad during the construction of the temple. Ryan's role involved interacting with everyone who worked on or visited the site. When asked about their experience, the Johnson family expressed a deep sense of gratitude to have been part of

such a monumental work.

As a religious and cultural center of the Church in Italy, the Rome Temple Square includes a temple, visitors' center, family history center and patron housing, and a multifunctional meetinghouse, all surrounded by lovely gardens in an Italian piazza, or square.

The visitors' center, located across the piazza from the temple, offers a multimedia experience and guided tours to guests. As a learning center, open daily and free to the public, it includes exceptional artwork, offering up close experiences including life-size sculptures of the Savior and surrounding apostles as well an 84-square foot stained glass window depicting the parables of Jesus.

Aaron Jorgeson and Cameron Oscarson, both from Holdman Studios, were two of the artists who worked on the stained-glass window panel. Cameron describes the 6,000-piece work of art overflowing with nuances and symbolic materials, including an authentic shell from the Sea of Galilee and salt taken from the Dead Sea.

Aaron explains the durability and premier art glass used to create the

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Situated in the Visitors' Center, Holdman Studios' stained-glass masterpiece "Come Unto Me" depicts various imagery from the parables of Jesus.



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View of the temple as seen from across the piazza near the visitors' center in February 2019.

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"They that Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy"

The LDS Widows & Widowers Annual Conference Held In Gilbert

By Katherine Ogden

The 6th Annual Arizona LDS Widows and Widowers 2019 Conference was held recently from Thursday through Saturday, February 7-9, in the Mesa/Gilbert area. The theme was "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy (Psalms 125:6)."

Starting out in 2006, a small group from Ogden, Utah, was first formed by Sister Kimberly Montierth, the result of a few young widows wanting to create a way to connect and offer mutual support to one another. It grew to around 100 people and then combined with another group from the Salt Lake/Riverton area, which had also started a few years earlier. The men and women heading up those groups wanted to provide an easier way for people to connect and support one another. The idea of a conference was discussed and planning meetings for producing the conference began in the summer of 2009. Early on, a LDS Widows and Widowers Facebook page was created to get the word out and as a form of broader communication. Its membership has since grown to over 4000.

Since March 2010, LDS Widow/Widower Conferences have been held semi-annually in Utah, but at the March 2014 conference, they announced a change: they would still hold the spring conferences annually in Utah, but the fall conference, formerly held in Utah, would be replaced with a regional conference or event.

The conferences, which have been widely attended and successful, include conferences held in Provo and St. George, Utah, as well as Idaho,



Photo credit Robert Ogden

Nanette Brinton, Tina Harline and Dixie Chiles helping attendees with their nametags.

Arizona, and San Diego, California. The conferences are free, although those attending the conference are invited to make a suggested donation to cover the cost of food and conference expenses. All are welcome to come, though, regardless of their ability to make a donation.

The activities started out with a temple session, followed by dinner and a social afterwards. On Friday, there was a hike up to the Wind Caves, followed by dinner and a bonfire at Utery Regional Park in Mesa.

On Saturday, the conference was held at Gilbert's Highland Ranch building from 10-6 PM, with classes on service, grief, finances, blended families and other subjects. Keynote speakers such as Rob Gardner, and Shon & Julie Rasmussen, along with others, offered thoughts and several workshops. Lunch and dinner were also provided.

"I love this group because of the love and support everyone gives each other," says Sister Nanette Brinton, of the Kimball East Stake. "When you are

new at this, those tender hearts need lots of love. Those who have been through this for a few years are ready to give love and support to help those others in times of need. It's an amazing group of instant friends who are all on the same path together."

You can find more information at LDS Widows & Widowers main Facebook group, as well as an LDS Widows & Widowers - Arizona (group for local Arizonians). You can also email nbrinton1@cox.net to be added to the group email list.



Photo courtesy of Nanette Brinton

The hiking group gathered at Utery Park.

Advantage Auto Glass Movies! Continued from pg. 22

vehicle comprehensive insurance to pay for and add windshield replacement with no deductible to their policies. "It's because of all the rocks and gravel—we literally decorate with it here—and driving with a damaged windshield is dangerous," DeAnne says. "The Arizona heat can make it expand even quicker."

Some companies will offer you a movie voucher or a free dinner, but Jeremy will give you actual cash back in your hand. Or, if you are feeling really lucky, you can choose to go in the Money Booth (similar to the one seen on the Ellen Show) for 20 seconds and grab as much cash as you can as it flies about you in gusts of booth-generated wind.

Advantage Auto Glass has received multiple five-star reviews on Yelp for their outstanding service.

"I have used their services," says customer Laurie Alberti-Hill. "They were nice, friendly, and that movie screen is huge! Watching a movie helped the time go by faster. I will definitely use them again."

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unique panels: "The magic is in the materials."

As local Italian craftsmen and their families toured the center with the Johnsons earlier this year, all agreed it finished beautifully and well exceeded expectations. The architect's goal appears to be realized as the families passed through the living room setting of the visitors' center. One Italian woman made the comment, "I feel like I'm at home."

A book about the stained glass, Come Unto Me: Illuminating the Savior's Life, Mission, Parables and Miracles, is available through Deseret Book.

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Old-Fashioned Fun at the AZ Renaissance Festival!

By Allison Beckert

Fantasy fans and fun seekers gather annually under the banner of the Arizona Renaissance Festival. Through March 31st, you can join in the fun. Here's how to make it the best weekend you've spent this year!

Once through the gates, guests have a massive fairground to explore, with every corner filled with performers, musicians, artists, and games. Be sure to grab a map, which also includes performance schedules for the 14 stages scattered through the grounds. Some entertainers wander the paths, so keep a lookout for pop-up performances. You may even find yourselves a part of the royal family's intrigue, at the wrong end of a world-famous whip-cracker's bullwhip, or cheering for the queen's favorite at the joust!

Some festival goers may want things on the milder side. While there are certainly surprises around every corner, refer to the map and show schedule to help keep your visit to your preferred content rating. Shows on the schedule are labeled LC for "Loose Cannon" and contain adult content.



Photo courtesy of Arizona Renaissance Festival
Pet a Unicorn? Yes, please.

Also, young children may find the extensive grounds an exhausting walk. Strollers are available for rent at the front gate, though bringing your own wagon, stroller, or other child carrier can be helpful for longer visits. Older children can join in games like the maze, take on challenges like the rock wall climb, or try one of several low tech/high fun attractions scattered through the park. Be sure to bring cash in small bills for some of these extra

games, as well as for food and drink.

Those looking for a more exclusive experience can purchase tickets for The Pleasure Feast. Guests of the royal court can look forward to an exciting feast and exclusive entertainment with the royals. While tickets do sell out quick, there are still seats available for the later days of the festival, and tickets can be purchased on the AZ Renaissance Festival website (<http://arizona.renfestinfo.com>). Just look for the links for The Pleasure Feast.

Whether jousts are at the top of the



Photo courtesy of Arizona Renaissance Festival
Sit in with stories with Mother Goose herself.



Photo courtesy of Arizona Renaissance Festival
Jump into the fun with street performers.

list, or exclusive artisan works are your quest, or even if your interests lie in the visual and musical wonders of the festival, you will not be disappointed. Dressing up is wholly optional, though encouraged. For any looking to dress up without the commitment of a purchase, costume rentals are available, though for an extra fee. The main goal is old-fashioned revelry, not complete authenticity. Come laugh, eat, dance, and huzzah with the best of them at the Renaissance Festival!

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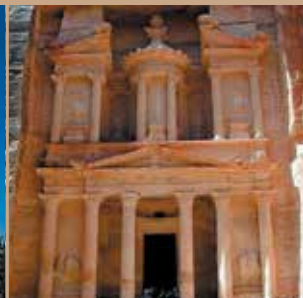
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A Million Dreams

By Sherrie Natrass

11-Year-Old Rosevelt Sings with Dick Van Dyke at Childhelp's 60 Year Diamond Jubilee to Raise One Million Dollars for Abused Children

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf explained to us in this past October General Conference that discipleship begins with three simple words: *Believe, Love and Do*. With the support of her parents Jef & Shurlin Rawls, vocal coach Carolyn Larson, her sound engineer and videographer Stephen Moyer and crew, and coaching from William Joseph, Rosevelt is doing just that!

Rosevelt is using her music to give a voice to children silenced by abuse. She is singing to raise one million dollars to benefit recovering youth through her new album *Rosevelt Sings*, which features a duet with Dick Van Dyke.

This has been quite a year for Rosevelt! In addition to recording her first album, she also made music videos. One with Dick Van Dyke in Malibu, at the Herberger Theater in Phoenix, as well two Christmas music videos at the historic Milagros (which means Miracle in Spanish) Chapel with special permission from owners, Victor and Kimberly Riches. Then, Rosevelt performed at Childhelp's annual Merv Griffin Village Holiday Program, in Beaumont California, for survivor-residents of the Merv Griffin Village.

Childhelp is the nation's leading nonprofit helping victims of child abuse through intervention, treatment and prevention. After 60 years and over 10.5 million children served, Childhelp Founders Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson stress there is still much work to be done.

"It is a delight to welcome Rosevelt as a Childhelp Youth Ambassador. She's an 11-year-old girl with the voice of an angel and the heart of a warrior. She wants to make the world a better place one child at a time," says Childhelp Co-Founder and President, Yvonne Fedderson.

"Rosevelt reminds us a little of ourselves when we started this mission. We were just 19 years old. We began singing but soon learned our voices were needed in communities around the country to rescue children, in the halls of Congress to change laws, and in the

boardroom ensuring we were part of a vision to secure America's most vulnerable children," said Childhelp Co-Founder and CEO Sara O'Meara.

Recently Rosevelt performed *A Million Dreams* from The Greatest Showman to open the 60 Year Diamond Jubilee Celebration that honored

Rosevelt
Photo courtesy of Sherrie Natrass

Founders Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson.

In attendance were dignitaries including Governor Doug Ducey and his wife Angela, and Senator Jon Kyle and his wife Caryll. Also attending were celebrities Kathie Lee Gifford, Meagan Kelly,

Cameron Mathison, The Pointer Sisters, The Tenors, Pia Toscano, and William Joseph.

Rosevelt is working to share her love for the children of Childhelp. There are several ways to join in her quest to raise one million dollars before February 2020. She invites everyone to share this story with a friend. You can also purchase her album at RoseveltSings.com, or join her for her birthday on March 28th at JesterZ at Mesa Riverview. Tickets for this event may be purchased at JesterZimprov.com. All proceeds from ticket and album sales go directly to help abused children. Together we can help Rosevelt light the world, and make life better for children in need.

To learn more, or join Rosevelt in her support of children visit: RoseveltSings.com.



Rosevelt sings with Dick Van Dyke.

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Rosevelt with Childhelp founders Sara O'Meara & Yvonne Fedderson at a Christmas program.

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